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HOUSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY EARNS “HIGH PERFORMER” DESIGNATION FROM U.S. HUD AS PART OF ITS PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAM 2015 ASSESSMENT

HOUSTON – The Houston Housing Authority (HHA) is pleased to announce the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has designated the HHA as a “High Performer” Public Housing Agency (PHA) for fiscal year 2015. On June 3, HUD notified the HHA of its newest designation as a part of the department’s Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS), which used by HUD to annually evaluate and measure the performance of PHAs across the nation.

The HHA’s program was evaluated on the basis of four operational areas: physical, financial, management, and capital funds. The HHA earned a score of 94 out of a possible 100, including a perfect score for financial management and capital fund oversight. This score ranks HHA among the best of the nation’s more than 3,000 housing authorities and makes for the third “High Performer” designation for the Authority in the last five years.

“The scores are difficult to achieve given the age of many of our developments and the declining financial resources,” says George D. Griffin III, HHA Vice President for Housing Operations. “There is a lot of strategic thinking and planning that goes into running the Public Housing Program, and it is through this process with all involved that we can achieve this kind of success.”

Griffin credits the HHA’s team approach to the accomplishment, noting that the team consists of everyone from the residents, asset management, third-party management, finance staff, and the President & CEO to our Board of Commissioners.

“I am proud of our Public Housing Program and its effort,” says HHA President and CEO Tory Gunsolley. “This latest designation by HUD is testimony to our good work and marks a significant achievement for the Authority and staff who have worked so hard to attain this high standard.”

ABOUT THE HHA:

The Houston Housing Authority provides affordable homes and services to more than 58,000 low-income Houstonians, including over 17,000 families housed through the Housing Choice Voucher Program and another 5,700 living in 25 public housing and tax credit developments around the city. HHA also administers one of the nation’s largest voucher program exclusively serving homeless veterans. More information about the Houston Housing Authority can be found at www.housingforhouston.com.

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